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# the LIST

CHANGES EXPECTED NOW  
THAT REPUBLICANS  
CONTROL CONGRESS

## 1 AMERICAN VALUES

National symbol changed from the bald eagle to a balding Strom Thurmond, holding a Bible and an M-16, sucking sweet, sweet oil through a straw from a caribou carcass.

## 2 SCREW THE ECONOMY, STUPID

Work will begin on a new national missile defense system over the remote, forest moon of Endor. The size of a small planet, this spherical space station will be equipped with turbolasers and tractor beams, and will be stronger than the entire Rebel Alliance fleet — er... we meant al Qaeda fleet, al Qaeda.

## 3 FIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In order to pass kindergarten, children must first memorize Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*, sign their souls to Karl Rove and have the Ten Commandments tattooed on their asses. And no more nap-time, either. Because if five-year-olds are using taxpayer money to sleep, well, then the terrorists have already won.

## 4 HOMELAND INSECURITY

Attorney General John Ashcroft announces a few slight changes to the Bill of Rights. No. 1 — we won't be needing it anymore. No. 2 — if you ask any further questions about No. 1 you will lose your job, *un-American* will be branded on your forehead and your family will be sent to Guantanamo Bay until its military tribunal.

## 5 SORRY LADIES, THE CHOICE IS OURS

Roe v. Wade is overturned by the newly appointed conservative Supreme Court justices — Pat Robertson, Sean Hannity and Yosemite Sam. Because if adult women are allowed to make their own decisions about their bodies, well, then the terrorists have already won.

# The Nutshell

ONE ISSUE. ONE SENTENCE.

It started with the T-shirts and Helser Hall saying Help us, Union Drive Association Senate, fund part of the cost of these t-shirts for Helser Pride Week, a week that was a big deal made bigger because the UDA said No, we aren't funding the T-shirts, it's a poor use of money, which may or may not be true, but, anyway, Helser Hall gets pissed and says Fine, we secede, and the UDA says, in the Daily, "this is really jumping the gun," and Helser says Oh yeah, we don't have any power; Friley has it all and so if we secede WE MAKE OUR OWN RULES BABY, which, historically, if you think about, is a lot like the pilgrims saying We can govern ourselves, or the South saying, Screw you, Yankees; in any case, storm the Bastille, Helser — this is your revolution.

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IOWA STATE'S TABLE TENNIS TEAM

Wipe that sweat from your brow and exit stage left, Captain Second Place. You've just been schooled by the ISU Table Tennis Team. That's right, Buster. We said *team*. Remember those societal punching bags you snickered and sneered at on the dorm elevator? Well, hotshot, they've organized, and now their thumbs are calloused from more than Cinemax and all-nighter *Diablo II* marathons. You come to their table, you best be prepared. For some unforced errors and a serious ass kicking.



Members of the ISU Table Tennis Team practice at the Rec every Monday evening.